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King Hussein to have talks with President Tito in Belgrade

AMMAN, April 1 (R). — King Hussein will pay a state visit to Yugoslavia at the invitation of President Joseph Broz Tito, the royal cabinet announced today. The announcement did not give a specific date but said the visit would take place soon and that matters of mutual concern would be discussed by King Hussein and President Tito.

Assad: Syria follows principles

DAMASCUS, April 1 (R). — President Hafez Assad said here today that Syria was following a principled policy in the Arab and international spheres. "It is not a policy that emanates from a reaction or that comes from the pressure of difficulties and crises," he told the first meeting of the cabinet formed by Mr. Mohammad Ali Al Halabi last Thursday. President Assad told the cabinet ministers after they had taken the oath of office before him that the task of their government was to draw up a new working programme, not new policies.

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Italian government denies negotiating with Red Brigades

ROME, April 1 (R). — The government denied today that it had started to negotiate with Red Brigades kidnappers. Corriere Della Sera, Italy's largest newspaper, reported today that an intermediary apparently chosen by the Brigades flew from northern Italy on Wednesday and had personally delivered two letters from Signor Moro to his secretary in Rome.



Part of the Norwegian contingent of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon after disembarking at Ben Gurion airport in Israel on Saturday. (AP wirephoto)

Israeli intransigence aids Soviets, says Sadat

CAIRO, April 1 (R). — President Anwar Sadat believes Israel's lack of flexibility in Middle East peace moves may further the aims of the Soviet Union in the region.

The Egyptian leader told a visiting delegation of United States businessmen yesterday that Israeli intransigence was playing into the hands of the Soviets.

He called on the U.S. to play a full role in the peace moves, rather than just act as a mediator between the two sides.

Mr. Sadat said he had told Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, who returned home yesterday after two days of talks here, that he was prepared to resume the peace moves between their countries.

But he said he made it clear that he would only do so if Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin abandoned his policy of intransigence in the two key issues holding up the talks.

These are the future of the Palestinians on the West Bank

Vance likely to visit Moscow to heal breach

LAGOS, Nigeria, April 1 (R). — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is likely to visit Moscow soon to try to break the impasse in U.S.-Soviet negotiations for a Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT).

Plans were not firm but the probability was that Mr. Vance would be in Moscow for talks with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko by the end of April, they said.

The officials, accompanying President Carter on his tour of Latin America and Africa, said Mr. Vance had been planning such a visit for some time in view of difficulties in the SALT

Israelis could stay on in south Lebanon one month as U.N. forces arrive slowly

TEL AVIV, April 1 (R). — Israel's army could stay in south Lebanon for another month, statements by U.N. and Israeli generals indicated today. Ghana's Maj-General Emmanuel Erskine, U.N. commander in Lebanon, gave a firmly-worded interview to Israel radio. His troops, he said, would as a last resort, open fire if attacked in their role to keep Israelis and Palestinian commandos apart.

But he also said he doubted all his 4,000-man peace force would be deployed before the end of April.

Also on Israeli radio, Gen. Mordechai Gur, Israeli Chief of Staff, reiterated that the U.N. force must be ready to take over, before Israel withdraws the army it threw across the frontier on March 14.

Noting that he retired on April 16, Gen. Gur said he was unsure whether he would be the man to conduct the withdrawal.

"I am rather sceptical as to whether they (the U.N. command) will succeed in completing their deployment by mid-April," he said.

In an earlier interview with the English-language Jerusalem Post, Gen. Gur said that one result of the Israeli army operation in southern Lebanon had been to make the PLO a de facto party to any agreement in that area, even if only indirectly.

He also said one condition imposed by Israel during negotiations for the 1974 disengagement with Syria had been that the Syrians should impose restraints on the guerrillas. Syria had agreed to do so after quietly consulting with the PLO, thus effectively making that organisation a party to the agreement.

"From a practical point of view, all past agreements have been linked to an understanding with the PLO — something which we have preferred to ignore till this point," he was quoted as saying.

Carter deplores foreign military presence in Africa, warns Pretoria

LAGOS, Nigeria, April 1 (AP). — U.S. President Jimmy Carter today deplored military interference in Africa by outside nations, notably Cuba and declared that "Africans themselves can best find peaceful answers to African disputes."

"We must not allow great power rivalry to destroy our hopes for an Africa at peace," Carter said in a foreign policy address prepared for an invited audience in Nigeria's modernistic National Theatre.

Carter, making the first state visit by an American President to black Africa, also asserted that efforts to seek an early transition to black majority rule in Rhodesia and Namibia now reached a critical stage.

He said proposed solutions to problems in those countries "should be accepted without further delay."

Carter's speech followed formal welcoming ceremonies and talks between the president and Nigerian leader Olusegun Obasanjo.

At the welcoming formalities Carter told his host: "We share with you a desire to see all the peoples of Africa at peace with each other, preserving their diversity and their national character, living in mutual respect and enjoying the fruits of development and of democracy... we share the goal of achieving peace with justice in southern Africa."

Invoking in his speech against Cuba's sizeable military presence in Africa, Carter told his audience: "The military intervention of outside powers or their proxies in African disputes too often makes local conflicts even more complicated and dangerous and opens the door to a new form of domination. We oppose such intervention."

The visiting president said he is "concerned" that massive deployment of foreign troops during military action in Eritrea "will result in greatly increased bloodshed among those unfortunate peoples."

As Carter arrived in Nigeria, a top U.S. official told reporters that estimates of the number of Cuban troops in Africa have grown by more than 5,000 and that they already are operating in small units against Eritrean Secessionists in northern Ethiopia.

A 21-gun salute greeted the president, who was also welcomed by a military guard of honour.

Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, Nigeria's Head of State, said U.S.-Nigerian relations had improved since Mr. Carter came into office 14 months ago, and he expressed the hope that while in Nigeria the president would gain a closer understanding of African aspirations.

In a direct attack on South Africa's white minority government, Carter said U.S. relations with South Africa "will depend on whether there is progress towards full political participation for all her people in every aspect of the social and economic life of the nation and an end to discrimination based on race or ethnic origin."

Gen. Erskine said he had met this week with Mr. Yasser Arafat, leader of the PLO. "He gave me every assurance he would not stand in the way of the U.N. forces, and so far this assurance has been well respected," he said.

Truckloads of guerrilla reinforcements arrive in south Lebanon area

BEIRUT, April 1 (R). — Palestinian guerrillas sent reinforcements into southern Lebanon yesterday while Israeli occupation forces fortified their positions along the front line.

The shell-battered area remained quiet. Israeli invaded south Lebanon last month, vowing to stamp out Palestinian commando activity near its northern frontier.

The Israelis declared a ceasefire ten days ago and the Palestinian guerrilla groups were promised to cooperate with United Nations peacekeeping forces.

Reuters correspondent Naz Mustafa reported that a dozen trucks packed with commandos and weapons headed south today towards the lower Litani river, which marks the limit of the Israeli invasion about 25 kms. inside Lebanon.

The Palestinians set up sandbagged positions and roadblocks near the port city of Tyre, and brought jeeps mounted with heavy machineguns to a bridge over the Litani on the main road north of Tyre.

The bridge is the only one of free over the river which has been taken over by United Nations peacekeeping troops.

A few kms. away, Israeli troops were bulldozing land and building earth ramparts to protect their men and armoured vehicles.

Civilian refugees returning to their homes in the south were thrown into a sudden panic last afternoon when four Is-

Unexploded munitions

French paratroopers attached to the U.N. peacekeeping force searched roads and fields south of Tyre and recovered a number of unexploded shells, rockets and mines.

A U.N. spokesman said three military planes arrived at Beirut with 30 Norwegian soldiers and equipment today. A bigger force of Norwegians was flying to Israel and driving north to Lebanon.

Just over a quarter of a projected 4,000-man U.N. force has so far deployed in the south. Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros discussed the latest developments with U.S. Ambassador Richard Parker for the second time in a week.

Mr. Parker said later he was optimistic that Israel would withdraw its troops within a month.

Meanwhile Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said in East Berlin that Austria is still prepared to send troops to join United Nations peacekeeping units in southern Lebanon provided that they are wanted and that the fighting is over.

Speaking at an East Berlin press conference at the end of a three-day East German visit, he implied he had not yet accepted assurances from U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, that the conditions had been met.

World News Roundup ...

SWAPO unhappy with five power proposals

NEW DELHI, India, April 1 (AP). — The head of the South-West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) on Saturday called "unacceptable" a new set of proposals made by five western powers including the United States to set the stage for talks between SWAPO and South Africa. Sam Nujoma, shortly after his arrival in New Delhi, told Indian external affairs Minister A.B. Vajpayee that the proposals were not clear on the status of Walvis Bay after the proposed independence of South-West Africa, a government spokesman said.

14-1 outsider wins Grand National

LIVERPOOL, England, April 1 (R). — Lucas, a nine-year-old ridden by Bob Davies, won the spectacular Grand National steeplechase at Aintree here today, beating Sebastian V in a stirring finish. In the last few metres of the 7-1/4 kms. race the 14-to-one chance Lucas battled to the front to land a prize of \$78,200.

Air Ceylon stops flying abroad

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, April 1 (AP). — Air Ceylon, Sri Lanka's 8-year-old national carrier which boasts an accident-free flying record but has earned a bad reputation both at home and abroad

for late and cancelled flights, ended its international services today. The airline now operates only domestic flights and a new airline, which the government will run in partnership with an as yet unnamed foreign concern, will take over Air Ceylon's international routes.

No news, bad news for Israelis

TEL AVIV, April 1 (R). — Israelis will be without news from tonight when newspaper, radio and television journalists go on strike. Unofficial contacts between newsmen and publishers today failed to avert the strike, which is over demands for pay rises and other improvements in journalists' contracts. Over 1,200 journalists, working on over 20 daily newspapers, the ITIM Israel news agency, radio and television, are involved.

Gulf News Agency starts operations

BAHRAIN, April 1 (R). — The Gulf News Agency (GNA), set up jointly by six Gulf Arab states, was opened officially here today by the Prime Minister of Bahrain, Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman al Khalifa. GNA chairman Tariq Al Moqayed, who is also the Bahrain Information minister, said in an opening address that "the outside world is thirstily seeking news of our region and of its peoples' aspirations. 'Who better than us, the region's people, to quench their thirst,' he asked.

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The art of self-deception

There are few things intellectually more untenable than Israel's attitude towards the Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, a fact highlighted again this week with the remarks by Israeli Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur. He said that past agreements among states in the Middle East had made the PLO a party to the agreements, and that agreements with Arab states have, in effect, been linked to agreements with the PLO. "This is a fact. Anyone who claims that this is not so is fooling himself," Gen. Gur said.

He is correct, of course, but it seems strange to us that Israel will recognise the Palestinians in war but not in peace. It seems that according to Zionist eyes, one sees the Palestinians only as terrorists, not as civilians, that is as people with only a military dimension and nothing else. This view is quite absurd, but then so is the idea of creating an exclusively Jewish state in a land that is overwhelmingly Palestinian.

The attitude that Gen. Gur displays is indicative of the fundamental racism that is at the core of Zionism. Racism is based primarily on unreal and unsubstantiated fears, and racism makes people view others simply as one-dimensional figures. That is how the white minority views the blacks in Southern Africa, and it is how the Israelis view the Palestinians. The fact that the Israelis are fooling themselves is conveniently ignored, except for those rare occasions when people such as Gen. Gur spill the beans, so to speak.

Zionism, indeed, is based on fooling the entire world, and the unfortunate thing is that it has done so successfully for so many decades now. The Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon, however, only helps sharpen the obvious dilemmas and contradictions in Zionism, in which it is apparently ordained by God that you kill Palestinians, and then make them party to peace-keeping agreements, but that you do not recognise them for what they are -- a people with legitimate national rights.

Gen. Gur is very right about people fooling themselves, and he is the epitome of this self-deception.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI Saturday took up in its commentary President Anwar Sadat's reportedly unsuccessful talks with Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman during the past two days, while Al Dustour dealt with prospects of the proposed Arab summit to mould a new Arab strategy.

"President Sadat, belatedly, has discovered that he was deceived by the Israelis, 'although he could have dispensed with the experience of trying to strike a deal with the 'devil' which undermined inter-Arab relations in a difficult and bitter attempt to discover what was under his nose all the time," AL RAI said in its editorial.

The newspaper continued: "It was the Arab wish that meetings between the Egyptian and Israeli leaders should not continue while Israel was attempting to delude the world community into thinking that bilateral negotiations were still going on despite the failure of the Carter-Begin talks in Washington and despite the latter's refusal to submit to the requirements of peace."

But now that the Egyptian president has courageously admitted that the Israelis deceived him, "we believe that he will also be courageous enough to declare publicly that all efforts he made to change Israel's stand have gone in vain; and we sincerely call upon him to fulfill all the promises he made to the Arab nation which knew in advance that his adventurous initiative would be doomed for one simple reason, that Israel has never thought of responding to any serious effort for establishing a just and lasting peace in the area."

AL DUSTOUR recalls that Jordan has already taken the initiative to draw up a working programme for the proposed Arab summit. The newspaper puts forward what it calls some ideas which might facilitate the convening of the summit.

The paper says that an Arab summit meeting does not mean chalking up points in favour or against any Arab country. Its aim is not to "blame" any Arab side, regardless of the differing points of view till now. Assessing the present Arab situation now that President Sadat's initiative is deadlocked does not mean condemning the Egyptian leader for failure or that the countries opposing his initiative have won the round. The fact remains, the newspaper asserts, that it was Israel and Israel alone which foiled the initiative.

In his column in Al Rai's Jum'a Hammad wonders why President Sadat kept silent when he saw his peace initiative being eroded and outflanked from the very first day when Menachem Begin tried to share the credit for the initiative with him before world public opinion.

Mr. Hammad says that it was the Tel Aviv commando operation that gave the Israelis the first opportunity to undermine the initiative. Then followed Mr. Begin's message to him and then came Ezer Weizman's latest visit to Cairo "before he had rubbed his fingerprints off the F-15 rockets that had torn the flesh of children, old men and women in refugee camps and defenceless villages in Lebanon."

Touring the world in a flying boat kitted out with all mod cons is not complete without a stopover in Amman



The flying boat takes a rest on the other side of the world in New Zealand, before hopping on west toward Amman where it arrived Saturday afternoon.

By Ian Kellas
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 1 — At 3:30 this afternoon a strange-looking flying machine descended out of the blue sky and came to rest on the tarmac at Amman airport.

PBY 5A Catalinas are not a common sight at airports these days. This particular model first took to the air in 1941. Thirty seven years later it is carrying its crew on a round-the-world trip.

The trip began in California rather more than a year ago. But the veteran crew who emerged from the flying boat this afternoon looked none the worse for wear. That is not altogether surprising, because the plane is kitted out in style with all mod cons. Climbing the steps you find yourself in a spacious lounge, roofed over with a couple of glass domes. A bit further on you come to the kitchen and dining room. The plane is equipped with its own fridge and cooler and even a shower with running hot and cold water. It has

been fitted out with the latest sort of electronic gear (one of the owners conveniently enough, heads an electronics firm).

There is sleeping accommodation for seven, but in fact the present crew numbers five. The captain is Mr. Lee Otterson, a farmer, who fulfilled a life-long ambition in 1971 when he went into partnership with his friend Mr. William Farinon and bought a flying boat in Darwin, Australia.

Their wives were introduced first as the air stewardesses, and then as press spokesmen. And completing the team is Mr. Colin Steele, described (by the spokesman) as a British bachelor. He is the co-pilot and the engineer.

They have just come from Bahrain. It was not a good flight. Mrs. Farinon confessed to being air-sick for the first time in the whole journey. The flight had taken them about eight hours -- their maximum speed is 150 mph -- and they had been buffeted much of the way by tail winds.

So how did they get to Ba-

rain from California? Mr. Farinon began to list their ports of call: "San Francisco, Hawaii, Tahiti, Cook Island, Samoa, the Tongas, Fiji -- you get the idea -- Norfolk Island, New Zealand..." From the Southern Seas they had headed west across Asia and had stopped for a test in Oman. Now they are on the final leg of the journey, heading back to the States via North Africa and Europe.

What is it like flying around the world? "You wouldn't believe how difficult it is," Mr. Farinon said. The biggest hazards he said are not thunder storms or engine failure, but the obstructiveness of airport officials along the way.

The flying boat, which began its history with military service and later did exploration work in New Guinea, can of course land on water -- as it has quite often in the trip. But its crew regretted that they probably would not be able to get down to Asaba this time for a spot of water skiing. They are flying on to Cairo in a couple of days time.

Economic and Business News

JD 335,000 loan for establishment of factories

AMMAN, April 1 (JNA). — The Industrial Development Bank has agreed to give loans totalling JD 335,000 for the establishment of three new factories in the country, a source at the bank said here today. It said that the loans will finance a factory for making heaters in Madaba, and two other factories in Amman, one for making central heating boilers and the other for the manufacture of aluminium products. According to the bank source, the new factories are expected to ensure an additional gross national income of nearly JD 187,200 during the first year of production and employ 60 people. The new credits bring to 13 the number of loans given to establishments in the country totalling JD 13,198,000 since the beginning of this year.

Wilbur Smith and Associates establish Amman office

AMMAN, April 1 (JT). — Wilbur Smith and Associates, a U.S. based multidisciplinary consulting firm offering a wide range of professional engineering, planning and architectural services on a national and international basis has established its Middle East regional office in Amman. The Director of the office will be Mr. Thomas R. Todd with Mr. Zaid Goussous as Deputy Director. The firm is currently engaged in conducting the "Master Road Plan" study for the Jordanian Ministry of Public Works. Two studies have recently been conducted in Saudi Arabia in association with other firms. The studies were: Saudi Arabia Railroad and Highway Feasibility Study and the Jeddah Airport Study. Mr. Todd and Mr. Goussous will be representing Wilbur Smith and Associates Ltd. at the International Road Federation Regional Conference for the Middle East and North Africa in Cairo, Egypt, during the week of April 9-15.

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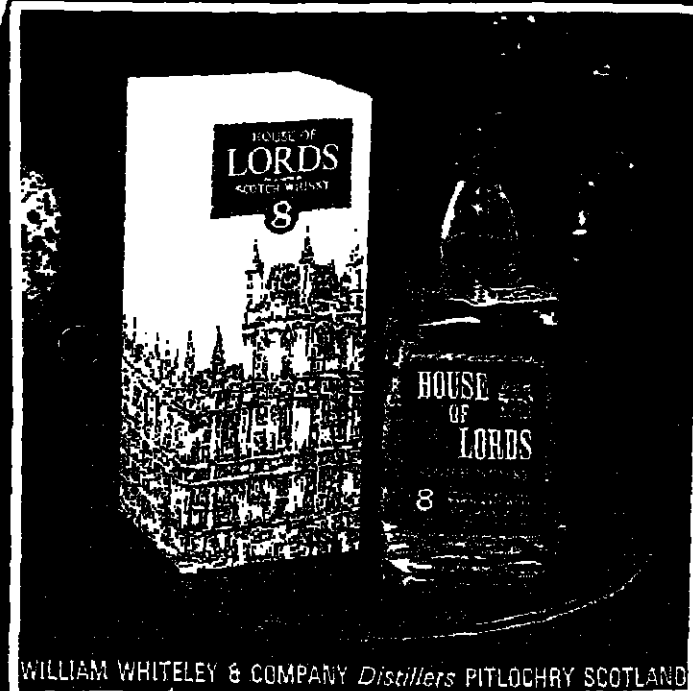
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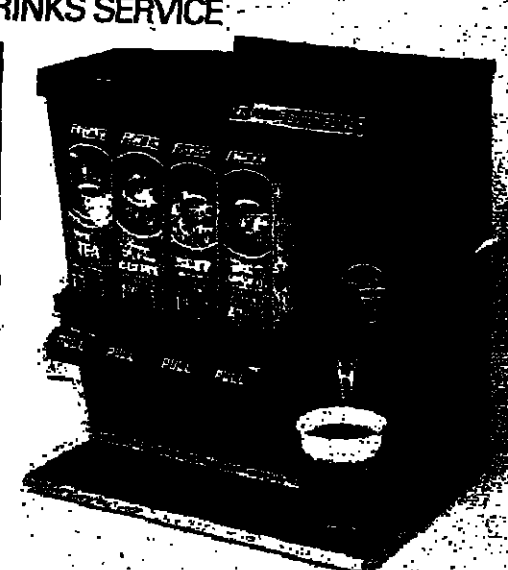
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U.S. reports biggest ever monthly trade deficit of \$4.52 b.

WASHINGTON, April 1 (R). — The United States has announced its biggest monthly trade deficit in history, revealing that it had almost doubled over one month. The government said the deficit totalled \$4.52 billion in February, nearly twice the January shortfall of \$2.3 billion. This is almost a billion dollars more than the previous record of \$3.6 billion recorded last October.

It is fear about the American economy, with its huge trade deficit, which has been the underlying cause of the dollar's recent decline on foreign exchange markets.

The figures issued today showed that American exports were essentially unchanged at about \$10 billion in February, but imports ballooned to a record \$14.5 billion, more than \$2 billion above the January level.

The Commerce Department said American energy imports, which include oil and natural gas, increased in February by about ten per cent to just over \$3.5 billion.

Analysts said this increase was largely due to additional demand for energy created by the now settled coal strike and the severe winter weather

in many parts of the country. The other major categories of imports also showed large increases last month with sharp gains in overseas purchases of food, raw materials, chemicals, manufactured goods, machinery and automobiles.

Exports were little changed overall. Increases in the value of shipments of American food and chemicals overseas were offset by falls in exports of raw materials, other types of commodities and machinery.

For the first two months of 1978, the United States has accumulated an overseas trade deficit of nearly \$7 billion compared with just over \$4 billion in the corresponding period last year.

The total U.S. trade deficit for 1977 was a record \$26.5 billion.

The Carter administration has been forecasting a gradual improvement in the trade picture as the year progresses, saying that for 1978 as a whole there could be a slight reduction in the overall deficit.

But with such a bad start to the year, significant progress will have to be made in the succeeding ten months and there are no real signs to indicate such a vast improvement will occur.

Little growth in output

Total U.S. economic output showed little or no growth in the first three months of this year, informed administration sources also said today.

The sources said the estimates indicated that economic growth, hit by severe winter weather and the coal strike, was the slowest since the 1.2 per cent annual growth rate in the fourth quarter of 1976. The sources would not reveal the precise first quarter figures being circulated within the administration.

But they said the so-called "dash number" on the U.S. gross national product (GNP) about a week ago showed slightly negative growth.

Since then, the government has reported stronger than expected growth in January inventories -- a plus factor in total output -- and a deeper than expected \$4.52 billion deficit on trade for February -- a negative growth factor.

The official public report on GNP, the total output of goods and services in the economy, is due on April 19. The GNP grew at an annual rate of 3.8 per cent after adjustment for inflation in the final three months of 1977. The administration is projecting growth in the six per cent range for this year.

UAE Currency Board head says economy shows signs of revival

ABU DHABI, April 1 (R). — The head of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Currency Board, Mr. Abdul Malik Al Hamar, was quoted here today as saying recent economic indicators showed the country's economy had started to revive after a period of stagnation.

He told the official Emirates News Agency that during the last quarter of 1977, bank lending had increased by seven per cent and imports by 14 per cent.

Mr. Hamar was expanding on statements attributed to him here yesterday when he was quoted as saying economic and commercial activity had increased by 13 per cent over the last two months.

Mr. Hamar said the 13 per cent figure referred to the increase during the last quarter of the value of all foreign trade -- imports, exports and re-exports.

He said another important indicator of the recovery was a three billion dirham (\$750 million) increase in private sector deposits with the banks during the same period.

The semi-official newspaper Al Itihad yesterday said Mr. Hamar had given the figures to Sheikh Saqr Ibn Mohammad Al Qasbi, the Ruler of the UAE state of Ras Al Khaimah, during a meeting yesterday and assured him these indications meant the country was moving out of last year's economic stagnation.

He did not give comparative figures but analysts said the UAE had seen very little private sector growth last year partly due to a credit squeeze imposed by the Currency Board.

Latest figures on monetary deposits available are for May last year and these show the total at 3.8 billion dirhams (\$950 million).

The newspaper said Mr. Hamar told Sheikh Saqr the Board was continuing to finance 11 projects in Ras Al Khaimah and providing refinancing for the banks.

Observers said this appeared an indirect reply to Sheikh Saqr's complaint earlier this month that he had to borrow funds in Europe last year at 12 per cent annual interest while the federal government was flush with funds and was providing generous soft loans to foreign countries.

Weekly Wall Street report 1st quarter ends with big name stocks still down

NEW YORK, April 1 (AP). — Selling pressure continued to weigh down many of the big-name blue chip and glamour issues as the first quarter of 1978 came to a close in the stock market this past week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 blue chip industrials managed a token .86 gain to 757.36 during the week, but still wound up with a 73.81-point loss for the first three months of the year.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock composite index slipped .15 to 89.21 for the week, completing the quarter with a decline of 5.89.

Big board volume averaged 21.30 million shares a day, against 24 million the week before.

By contrast, the market value index at the American Stock Exchange, home of many smaller and lesser known issues, reached new highs since 1973 as it posted a weekly advance of .33 to 128.94.

A prominent symbol of the malaise afflicting the best-known issues was the stock of International Business Machines, long the no. 1 holding of investing institutions.

IBM shares fell to just above the 235 level, a two-year low, in active trading on the last day of the quarter.

The stock went for as much as 288 1/2 in 1976 and 360 1/4 at its all-time peak in early 1973.

"Many investors regard IBM as a bellwether for the market, although this certainly has not been the case recently," the Value Line Investment Survey observed.

"Indeed, nothing could better symbolize the two-tier market of the past 15 months than the contrast between IBM's hitting a new low in the same week that the Value Line averages and the AMEX index were hitting new highs for 1978."

In a recent commentary, analyst Robert J. Farrell at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith described the atmosphere as "professional gloom contrasted with rising speculative enthusiasm."

Farrell said a survey of bank holdings of 31 leading growth stocks showed that those stocks accounted for 30.5 per cent of the market value of the federally chartered banks' stock portfolios at the end of 1975. Two years later the growth stocks' share had fallen to 22.7 per cent.

Bargain hunting

"The rising dividends, yields in many cases approaching five per cent and the depressed prices should be the stuff to attract public bargain hunting."

What might spark renewed enthusiasm for these stocks, and the market in general, among institutional money managers? Frank E. Block at Bache Halsey Stuart Shields said he questioned 50 institutions on that subject.

In the tabulation of replies he received, agreement in Washington on an energy bill ranked first, followed by a favourable turn in interest rates and a stable dollar. "The conversations about the energy bill," he said, "generally related to improving the balance of payments, stabilising the dollar, demonstrating stronger leadership in Washington, providing businessmen with a clearer picture of the probable cost and availability of energy (which would, in turn, improve their ability to make capital spending decisions), giving credibility to our efforts to defend the dollar, and actually 'doing something' about the energy problem."

Burns urges massive support for dollar

WASHINGTON, April 1 (R). — Former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Arthur Burns has urged the Carter administration to throw its vast resources behind the ailing dollar to avoid severe domestic and international economic problems.

Mr. Burns, interviewed by a group of reporters on his last afternoon at the Federal Reserve yesterday, said the United States had at least \$50 billion of gold at its disposal to use in the dollar's defence.

The former chairman, who was replaced by businessman G. William Miller earlier this year, said the depreciation of the dollar in international markets had caused him great anguish.

"Unless we achieve some semblance of stability in foreign exchange markets, the American and the international economy faces great problems," he warned.

Mr. Burns also suggested it would be a good idea for the Treasury to sell bonds denominated in foreign currencies which it could use to protect the integrity of the dollar. Such an idea, however, has been dismissed by the administration.

Mr. Burns said there was no question in his mind that the markets would react favourably to a move by the Treasury to defend the dollar on this scale, and it would immediately reverse the dollar's decline.

Space shuttle maiden flight is delayed

WASHINGTON, April 1 (A.P.). — The head of the U.S. space agency said yesterday the space shuttle is plagued by engine problems and probably won't make its maiden orbital flight on schedule.

Robert A. Frosch told a U.S. congressional subcommittee chances are less than 50 per

cent that the space shuttle can make the flight next March. But he said the odds are in favour of the milestone flight being made in June 1979.

Actually, the officially announced target date for the launching is June 1979. But unofficially, the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Admin-

istration has hoped to get it off the ground three months earlier.

When the shuttle does get off the ground, it will be assisted by a rocket and the power of three main engines. It will land back on earth like an airliner, to be refurbished and flown over and over again.

Economic News Briefs

Coca-Cola awaits Arab League decision

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 1 (A.P.). — Arab countries may decide by mid-May whether to allow the Coca-Cola Co. to resume operations in the Middle East, a market from which it was barred 11 years ago for trading with Israel, company officials said yesterday. However, Sam Ayoub, a Coca-Cola spokesman, said the latest Israeli-Palestinian fighting has decreased Coca-Cola's chances of getting off the Arab blacklist. The Arab League was to vote on Coca-Cola's bid last fall and the American soft drink company had high hopes because it had gained an ally in Egypt, with which it has signed a technical agreement to help develop the Egyptian citrus industry. That vote was postponed.

Airbus reaches accord with La Guardia

NEW YORK, April 1 (R). — New York's La Guardia airport and the European makers of the A-300 Airbus have reached an agreement which clears the way for Eastern Airlines to buy 23 of the planes, airport and airline spokesmen said today. Eastern's purchase of the planes for about \$25 million each had been held up because of concern by the Port Authority of New York and

New Jersey, operators of La Guardia, over the maximum take-off weight which runway extensions there could tolerate. The extensions are built on piles into the East River. A Port Authority spokesman told Reuters today that differences between the authority and Airbus Industries, the French-West German-Spanish consortium which builds the Airbus, were resolved last week. The authority agreed to bolster the strength of the extensions and the consortium agreed to modify the plane's landing gear within 18 months.

U.S. ambassador's activities questioned

WASHINGTON, March 31 (R). — Senator Robert Dole called today for an investigation into reports that John West, the U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, used his influence to get a contract from Saudi Arabia for a firm that includes friends. "The Kansas Republican said reports in the Washington Post indicated that Mr. West might have promoted the hiring of the American public relations firm of Cook, Ruef, Spann and Weiser to represent Saudi Arabian interests in the purchase of F-15 jets proposed by President Carter. He asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to investigate whether Mr. West engaged in any questionable activities unsuitable to his diplomatic position."

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have some interesting ideas which you should discuss with experts before putting them in operation. Be poised.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Plan how to gain your most important personal wishes. Be sure to treat your mate in a more thoughtful way.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Strange situations could arise now so be sure to use tact in your dealings with others. Be thoughtful of family members.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study a new venture first before making any decisions. A good time to analyze your duties so you'll know best how to handle them.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Not a good time to make drastic changes you have in mind. Be more thoughtful of others and get an excellent response.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) One who is most successful can give you fine ideas on career matters. Consult this person early in the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Formulate a new plan that can improve your personal affairs. It is best to be alone and relax after the sun goes down.

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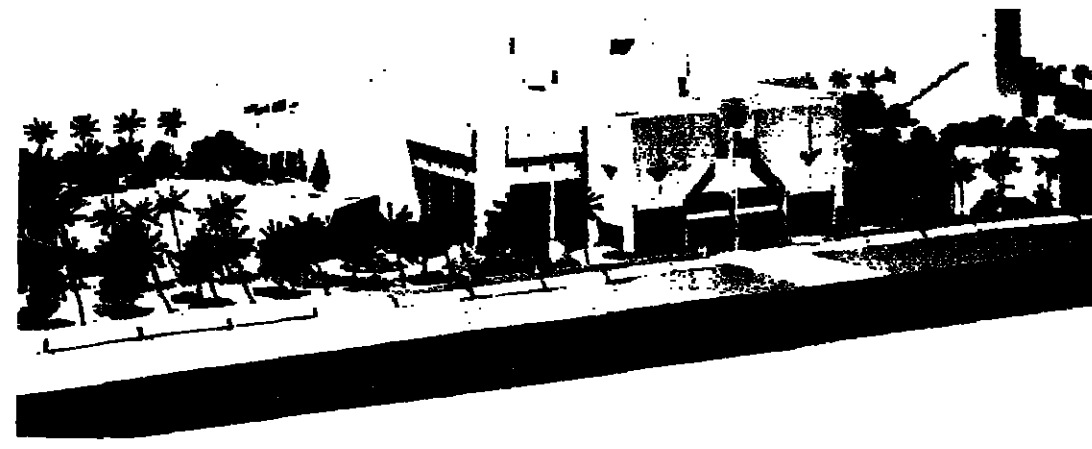
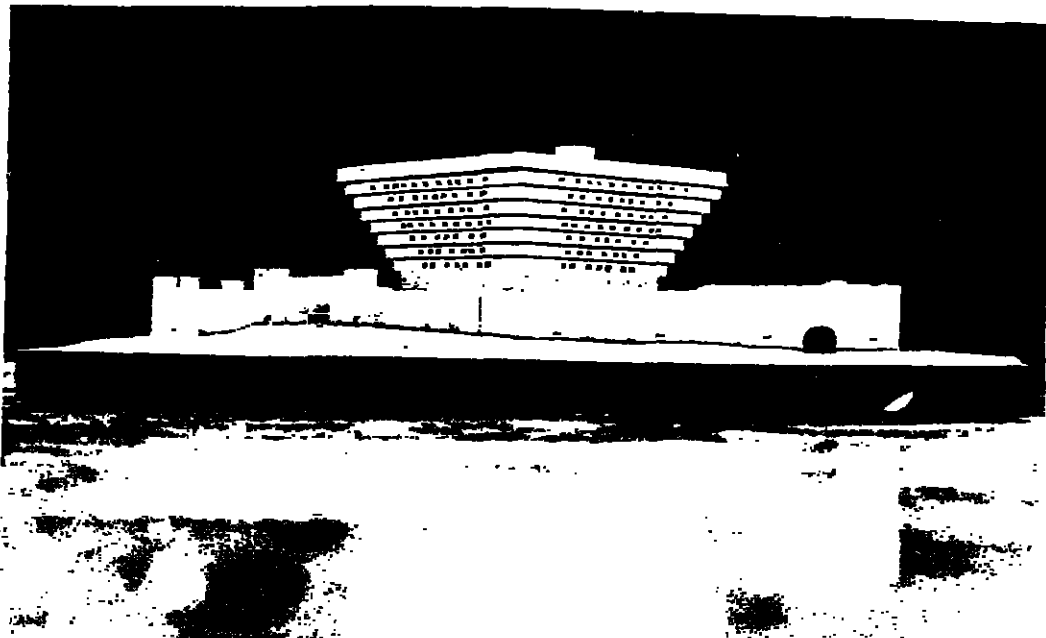
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Architects draw on ancient Arabian designs for future city planning



Model of the winning design in the international competition for the new United Arab Emirates National Assembly Hall complex in Abu Dhabi. The competition was won by the London based international team of Montgomerie Oldfield Kirby in association with APT Partnership.

By C. E. Tiffin

LONDON (LPS). — Some of the oldest features of Arabian architecture can be as valid in the future as in the past — that is one conclusion drawn from a British study conducted by planning experts engaged in designing advanced buildings and townships for the Middle East.

Their work is in line with recent developments among those British consultants most familiar with Islamic countries. Design for specific Islamic needs has always been a specialty, but there are signs today of a more systematic approach.

Diamond shaped tower

Some current designs illustrate this thinking. For Dubai's new 638 bed general hospital the Dubai Government's Department of Health and Medical Services organised an international architectural competition, which was won by John R. Harris and Partners of London and Dubai.

An international judging panel unanimously picked the Harris plan for a 14 storey diamond shaped tower block set on a two storey podium — the structure of reinforced concrete finished externally in white with contrasting colour on recessed planes. Sun screening, by claustra type walling and individual window screens, is based on Arabic patterns.

Rothermel Cooke's design for a luxury hotel in Abu Dhabi

won an international competition sponsored by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Development Bank to provide a hotel with 422 rooms, conference centre, and wide ranging recreational facilities, on the sea front about 4 kms. from the city centre.

Largely self-sufficient

The competition required the hotel to have the character of Arabic architecture; the design applies some appropriate underlying principles. Development of the whole site, walled on all but the seaward side, will yield a complex like a sheltered small "town", largely self-sufficient and protective.

A third international competition won recently by a London based architectural team, Montgomerie Oldfield Kirby and the APT Partnership, was for design of the new UAE National Assembly complex in Dubai, which again combines local building tradition with modern technology.

Buildings will be of glass reinforced concrete panels coloured and textured to match the off-white local coral; double glazing will be bronze tinted, and anodised aluminium used for window sections and shade structures. External roads and paving will be of interlocking patterned paving, in graded natural colours, interlaced with blue and green tiling. Linking all the elements is the landscaping with date palms and shade trees, and water cascading into richly tiled blue and green pools.

Islamic paving patterns

Providing appropriate landscaping has been a major problem in enhancing the dry rocky site of the University of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This is being tackled by the GWM Architectural Practices of London.

All the colleges incorporate landscaped areas either as ground floor gardens or courtyards on higher levels. The architects are giving these a relationship to each college by using Islamic paving patterns internally for floor finishes and externally as a feature integrated with fountains, shade trees and ornamental shrubs.

But perhaps the most unexpected link with tradition is the world's first falcon centre in Bahrain. The architects for this are George Trew, Dunn, Beckles and Wilson Bowles. The centre, now under construction, will provide a steady supply of birds to the royal palace in Bahrain for the centuries old sport.

City centre plan

Such diversity of design work is only part of today's story. The architects' identification with regional needs goes beyond design of individual buildings. There is an example of this in the scheme for Shahrestan Pahlavi, Tehran's proposed new city centre, the master plan for which has been prepared by Llewellyn-Davies, Weeks, Forestier-Walker and Bor.

The aim is to give Tehran an attractive city centre grouped around a great ceremonial and commercial boulevard that offers residents and visitors every facility they may need. It is to be a place with a sense of order and beauty yet able to cope with modern traffic while allowing the man on foot to move through a continuous maze of buildings and arcades.

So the plan integrates with the surrounding city, and recalls other traditional Iranian cities but has a modern traffic circulation system.

The Shahrestan Pahlavi planners see is a blend of old and new, drawing on many time-tested models; pieces of other cities that people have loved over the centuries.

Planning new settlements

Concepts for new towns in the Islamic world have been the interest of another consortium. The findings of the three-firms, A. G. Sheppard Fidler and Associates, Derek Lovejoy and Partner, and Mander Raikes and Marshall, are given in a report entitled "Settlements in Dry Countries".

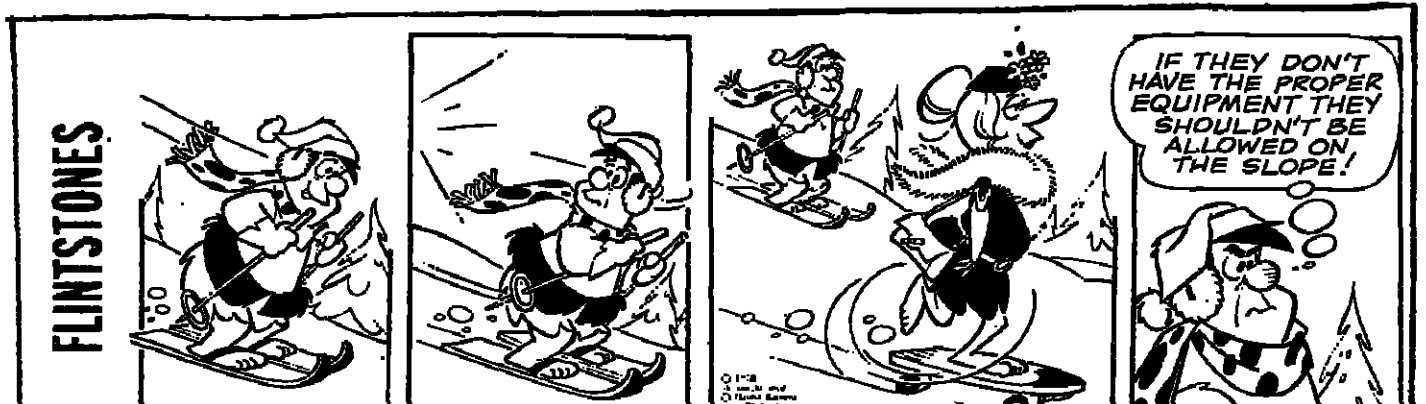
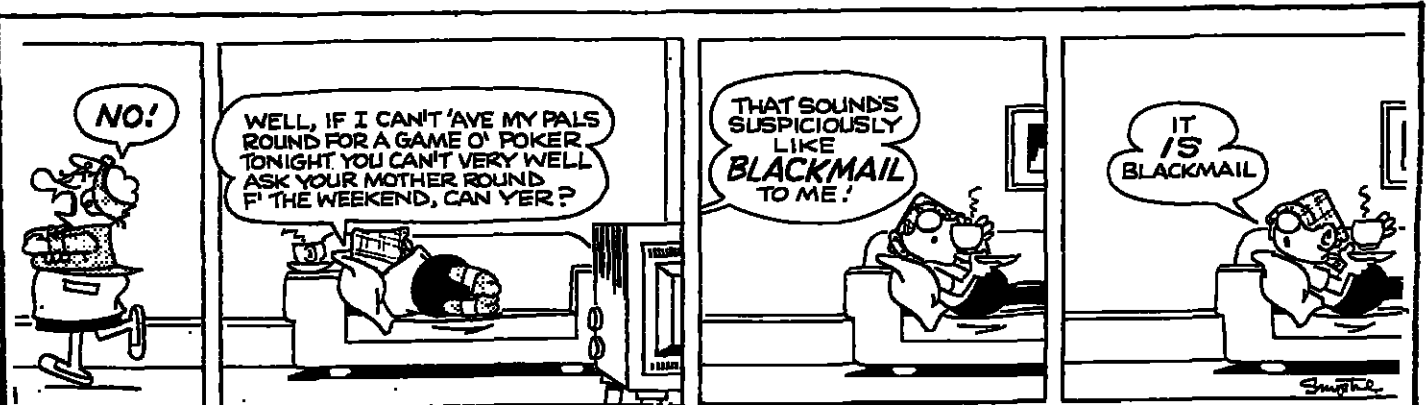
The study is intended as a reference for those involved in the planning of new settlements in Islamic countries of the Middle East, Central Asia and North Africa. It puts forward guidelines rather than hard designs for settlements of around 10,000 people having regard for cultural background, technological changes and energy demands. And it is these planners who draw the conclusion that some of the features of Arabian architecture can be as valid in the future as in the past.

The consortium is not claiming that its approach is new for the Middle East, but says it seeks to provide a good future living environment through re-appraising Arab ways.

Drawings have been prepared to show a hypothetical Middle Eastern or North African town for the 21st century. Banks planted with trees surround the town as a form of windbreak, to deflect the prevailing winds and filter out dust and sand. There is a perimeter wall with entrance and exit ways for traffic. At the centre is an open traffic-free precinct on the traditional linear principle.

These architects also suggest a reversion to wind towers and induced internal air currents to reduce dependence on mechanical conditioning of buildings. These ideas have now been taken beyond pure theory. The consortium has prepared an outline plan for the satellite township of Khawani, just outside Dubai. If the principles are carried through to the construction stage the town will really show how the best of new and old can be combined. The town is to be an exclusive Arab-only settlement, built to meet Arab needs.

The new 280 million hotel, sponsored by the United Arab Emirates Development Bank, to be located on the sea front 4 kms. from the centre of Abu Dhabi. This picture shows how the hotel will look from ground level and from the air. A British firm of architects, Rothermel Cooke, won first prize in the international competition for the design of the hotel.



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Summer time in Europe

BRUSSELS, April 1 (R). — Travellers in Europe will face a confusing change in international rail and air timetables tonight when nine countries introduce summer time.

Belgium, France, Holland, Luxembourg, Spain, Andorra, Greece, Turkey and Portugal all put their clocks forward one hour, making them two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Britain and Ireland started the move into summer time on March 19, moving one hour ahead of Greenwich, Italy's clocks go on to summer time, Greenwich plus two, on May 28.

War of words continues between USSR, China

MOSCOW, April 1 (R). — The Soviet Union said today that any Soviet troop withdrawals from its frontier with China, as called for by Peking, would merely open the way for the Chinese to seize large areas of territory.

The prospect of China annexing what it regards as disputed areas inside the Soviet Union was raised by the Communist Party newspaper Pravda in a long commentary on the border issue.

The Kremlin paper's statement, set out in unusual detail, coincided with a tour of

Siberia and the Soviet far east by President Leonid Brezhnev. There has been strong speculation that Mr. Brezhnev and Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov, who is accompanying him, will inspect Soviet border defences in the light of continuing Chinese hostility. Yesterday the Soviet leader visited a missile unit at Novosibirsk in central Siberia.

China's call for a unilateral Soviet pullback from the border was repeated by the Chinese Foreign Ministry in a note on March 9, but Pravda made clear again today that Mos-

cow had no intention of complying.

Mr. Brezhnev, speaking in Mongolia over three years ago, had described the Chinese demand as absolutely unacceptable, the paper recalled.

A withdrawal would leave the Soviet population without any defence or protection while the Chinese forces would remain stationed along the old lines and would gain the possibility of "assimilating" these regions, Pravda said.

The Chinese note was issued in reply to a Soviet message sent nearly two weeks earlier which made a new bid for improved relations by asking for a joint statement on the principles of mutual relations.

Peking firmly rejected the proposal, citing the presence of one million troops on the border and stating it was not interested in "hollow statements" but real deeds.

Today Pravda concentrated on rejecting China's assertion that Moscow agreed in 1969 to a set of preliminary conditions which it would meet before getting down to negotiations on the border dispute.

Supreme Court to hear Bhutto appeal May 6

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan April 1 (A.P.). — An appeal of the death sentence of deposed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto will be heard May 6, the Supreme Court of Pakistan ruled today.

Bhutto and four colleagues were sentenced to death last month by the Lahore High Court upon conviction of the murder of a political opponent in 1974, when Bhutto was prime minister. All five have appealed the sentence.

The court may reduce the sentence. If the death penalty is upheld, the condemned men may still ask President Chaudhry for clemency through the nation's military ruler Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

The court ordered Bhutto and his colleagues moved from Lahore to Rawalpindi jail so they are available for consultation with their attorneys.

Somali guerrillas continue Ogaden war

MOGADISHU, Somalia, April 1 (A.P.). — Somali-backed insurgents fighting in southeastern Ethiopia have sprung their second major attack against Ethiopian forces since Somalia withdrew its regular military units from the Ogaden war last month, a rebel publication announced today.

Danab, the official news bulletin of Somali liberation movements, said guerrillas of the

Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) Thursday attacked an Ethiopian logistics base, located in a village south of the Jijiga-Degahabur road.

An enemy fuel depot was destroyed, large amounts of food and medicines seized and an undisclosed number of Ethiopian soldiers killed or taken prisoner during the battle, Danab said.

Additional details of the clash, however, were not revealed and there was no independent confirmation of the action.

Recaptured from Somali forces in a mechanized Ethiopian and Cuban assault last month, Jijiga is believed a major logistics base for Ethiopian supplies and troops in the disputed Ogaden territory.

Last Wednesday WSLF forces ambushed an Ethiopian troop convoy along the Degahabur-Kebri-Dahar road, killing 170 Ethiopians and nine Cubans.

The two attacks were the first by the WSLF since Somalia withdrew its regular forces from the conflict last month and were followed by an Ethiopian air attack Friday on a village in northwestern Somalia.

Two MIG-21 jets of the Ethiopian air force reportedly bombed the village of Kalabayda, Gebile District, making two passes over the community before leaving Somali airspace.

Ethiopia Thursday had warned of possible reprisals against Somalia. It accused Somalia of stepping up subversive activities in the Ogaden and of having "declared a war of attrition," Somalia earlier this week pledged to continue support for ethnic Somali guerrillas in Ethiopia, despite the withdrawal of its own military forces from the Ogaden war.

U.S. raises estimate of Cubans in Ethiopia

In Washington, meanwhile, the U.S. State Department Friday raised to 15,000 its estimate of the number of Cubans in Ethiopia, and said most of them are combat troops.

Three weeks ago, the department estimated that 13,000 Cuban troops and 1,000 Soviet advisors had helped Ethiopia drive Somali forces from the Ogaden area.

PFLP renegade Dr. Wadiah Haddad dies of cancer

BEIRUT, April 1 (R). — Dr. Wadiah Haddad, the mastermind of a string of spectacular Palestinian plane hijacks, died of cancer in East Germany, Palestinian officials said today.

They said Dr. Haddad, 49, died on Tuesday. He will be buried in Beirut within the next two days, the officials said.

He was co-founder of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). The last major guerrilla operation he directed was the hijacking of a Lufthansa aircraft to Mogadishu last October.

Dr. Haddad was born in Haifa, the son of a schoolteacher, and later studied medicine at

the American University of Beirut.

He and Dr. George Habash, a university friend, founded the Arab Nationalist Movement in the early 1950s. Out of this emerged the PFLP in 1966.

Dr. Haddad took control of the group's foreign operations branch and masterminded the first Palestinian plane hijack in 1968, when PFLP guerrillas hijacked an El Al aircraft to Algeria.

His most spectacular operation was the multiple hijack of four planes in September 1970. Three were blown up at Dawson's Field, a desert airstrip in Jordan.

He planned the hijack of an Air France Airbus to Entebbe, in July 1976. That operation ended when Israeli troops stormed the airport and freed the hostages.

As head of PFLP foreign operations, Haddad was believed to have welded together a worldwide network of guerrilla organizations in the early 1970s, with the Venezuelan Marxist "Carlos" as his right-hand man.

Dr. Haddad broke away from the Popular Front in 1972, and four years later he and his followers were formally dismissed from the group for their refusal to abide by a decision to discontinue hijackings.

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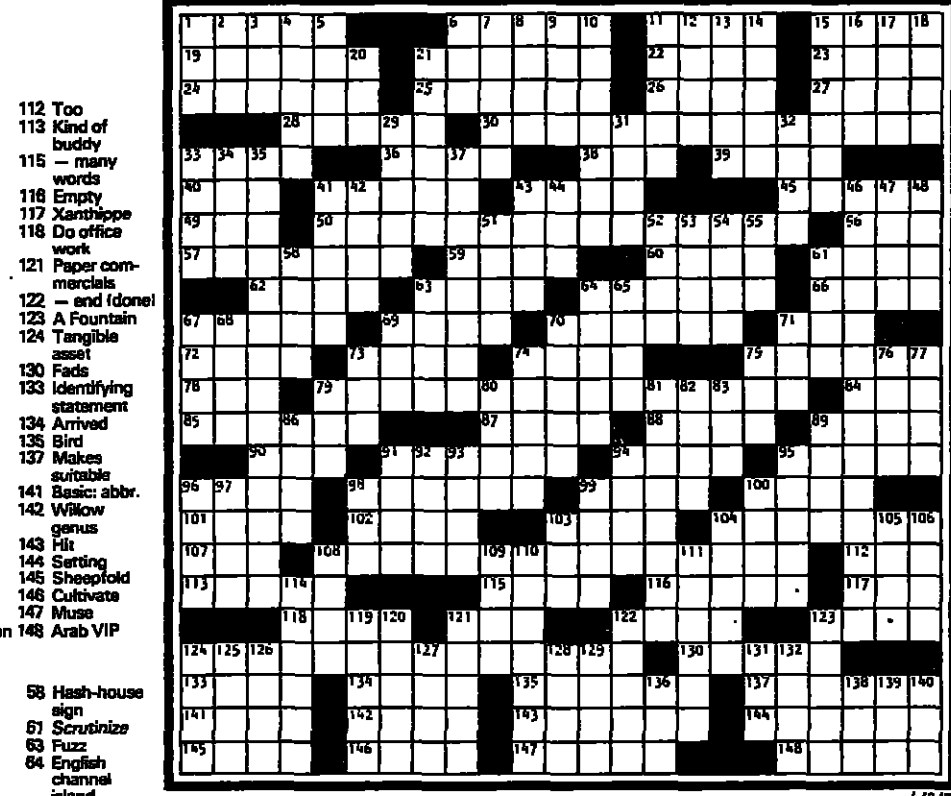
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GORED BRIDGE

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 2
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ A Q 3

WEST
♠ 6 3
♥ K 8 6 4
♦ 8 7 5
♣ J 9 8 7

EAST
♠ 7 5
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ Q J 9 2
♣ K 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 8 4 2
♥ 3
♦ K 4
♣ 6 5 2

The bidding
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♠.

Bridge is a strange game. Here is a case where South avoided taking a finesse he seemed to need by giving up a trick in a suit in which he had no loser!

North had the high-card strength to respond three no trump to South's one spade opening bid. However, that bid should be reserved for hands of a 4-3-3-3 pattern without too many prime values, so North correctly showed both his suits. When South showed long, near-solid spades by jumping, North elected to contract for a spade slam.

West led a top-of-nothing diamond, and when dummy appeared, it seemed that the fate of declarer's contract hinged on the location of the king of clubs. However, declarer found a way of significantly increasing his chances at no risk whatsoever.

He won the king of diamonds, cashed one high trump and then led toward the ace of diamonds. That was a safe move, for if West had started with a singleton diamond and ruffed, declarer would be able to stuff a club on the ace of diamonds and fall back on the club finesse for his contract.

When West followed to the diamond, declarer won the ace in dummy, then ruffed a diamond with a high trump. A low trump to dummy's queen drew both outstanding trumps and left declarer in dummy to ruff the last diamond, eliminating that suit from all hands.

The stage was set for the coup de grace. Declarer led his singleton heart and finessed the ten! East won the queen of hearts, but was faced with a choice of losing plays. Whether he returned a club or a heart, he would be playing into the teeth of dummy's tenace holdings and would give declarer two tricks in whichever suit he led. As a result, declarer lost a heart trick, but no club tricks!

World News Briefs

U.S. studies Israeli arms uses

WASHINGTON, April 1 (A.P.). — The State Department is trying to determine if Israel violated U.S. laws in its invasion of Lebanon, informed sources said yesterday. The sources, who declined to be identified, denied reports that the department legal office has concluded that Israel violated American laws, its defense agreement with the United States. "We may be a bit slower than usual on this one," one source said, "but it's because we've been busy in several urgent questions." The department initiated the study in response to a request by members of Congress.